

NAME... POESE William  
(last) (first) (middle)  
21870 Pruday Ave - Euclid, Ohio

Biographical Material:

Birthplace... Cleveland, Ohio... Date... May 23 - 1908

Education... Euclid Shore High School

..... Kenyon College - Ph. B. - 1930

..... Western Reserve M.A. 1933

Special Comments... European Travel - 1936 & 1937

West Indies - South America - Guatemala

Western U.S.A. - New England

Awards and Honors (including others than those received in Cleveland)

..... Honorable Mention - May Show - 1947

Affiliations (artists' societies, etc.)

Where Represented in Permanent Collections (Among private collections include only large and important)

Exhibitions (list by years)

Large Annual Shows

..... Cleveland May Show 1945

..... Cleveland May Show 1946

..... Cleveland May Show 1947

One Man

Special (or Foreign)

Bibliography (Books or articles you have written, or books, bulletins, magazines, catalogues in which you are mentioned)

..... Book on Gem Stone Legends now in preparation

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I have done several demonstration in  
gem stone cutting at the Cleveland  
School of Art. ~~which I have demonstrated~~  
~~many of the years I have demonstrated~~  
~~in the lapidary work.~~ Also a demon-  
stration at Western Arts Association  
Convention in Cleveland on May 2, '47.

I teach in the Cleveland Public  
Schools (Social Studies) and have a  
small business in gem stones which  
I operate from my home.

I have a talk on Gem Stone  
legends and lore which I give  
before groups.

We spend the summers in  
the San Juan Basin of the Rocky  
Mountains in the Southwest in a  
log cabin.

Oh yes - I have a wife & two  
small children -

Wm. B. B.



## Euclid Teacher Turns a Hobby To Profit—Stones to Jewelry



William Poesé in his basement workshop.

BY JANICE FLEMING

Petrified dinosaur bones and chunks of crude stone are the rewards of William H. Poesé's gem hunting expedition to Colorado.

At Little Gem Colony on the Piedra River he lived in a log cabin community of collectors and spent the summer months along the river bank hunting—stones.

Under his skillful hands the crude materials he brought back to Cleveland will become polished gems. Set in hand-tooled silver, they will make more unusual rings to add to his collection.

### Teaches at Fairmount

During the school year, Poesé teaches social science at Fairmount Junior High School. "But most of my summers I spend adding to my collection of gems and the legends and lore of gem stones."

In his basement workshop, Poesé cuts and polishes the stones. He has over 1,000 cut stones and more than

10,000 unpolished. He sells some of his stones to professional craftsmen and artists.

"Most stones I keep," he said. "My wife has a choice of 75 rings I have made for her—one for every dress."

His most prized ring is one cut from a piece of agate which he bought for 10 cents. "And yesterday I was offered \$75 for it, but refused to sell."

### Plans to Write Book

After another summer expedition to his log cabin in Colorado Poesé plans to write a book on gem legends.

"The Indians out West believe the turquoise is the best luck piece you can find," he said. "I found that many people believe the emerald cures eye diseases. This legend dates back to Emperor Nero who watched the Christians being burned at the stake through a piece of emerald."

### Opal Considered Unlucky

"The opal is considered unlucky. This belief began in Venice in the 1600s when people dying during a fever epidemic were found with flame-colored opals on their fingers. The body warmth caused by the fever had turned the milky stone to a flame color thus the 'bad luck' story grew."

Poesé lives at 21870 Friday Ave., Euclid, with his wife and two children.